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Trevor Dolby of Preface has bought UK/Commonwealth rights to THE MANGO ORCHARD: TRAVELLING BACK TO THE SECRET HEART OF MEXICO (spring 2010), a debut travel memoir by Robin Bayley. The agent was Oliver Munson at Blake Friedmann.

Bayley grew up enchanted by tales heard at his grandmother's knee of her father's Mexican adventures - of bandits, jungle journeys, smuggled silver and a narrow escape from the bloody Mexican Revolution. But he also sensed they were more than mere stories, and so he determined he would one day follow in the footsteps of his great-grandfather. The Mango Orchard is the story of parallel journeys 100 years apart into the heart of Latin America, as Bayley seeks out the places where Arthur "Arturo" Greenhalgh travelled and lived. Dolby describes the book as "an extraordinary travel book from an extraordinary new talent.

The Mango Orchard ranks up there with Sandra Cisneros's Caramelo, and even the books of the great Bruce Chatwin himself."

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